

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-25 and 29-30 have been cancelled. Claim 26 is amended herein. Claims 26-28 and 31-56 are now pending in the application. Of these, claims 26, 34, and 54 are independent.

In the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the Examiner required that the light metal cylinder crankcase be shown or the features cancelled from the claims.

Accordingly, submitted herewith is a new Fig. 1 to be added to the application. Fig. 1 shows the light metal cylinder crankcase that is specified in the claims. Additionally, the specification has been amended to describe Fig. 1. No new matter has been added to the application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over US 5,183,025 (Jorstad et al.). The Examiner further objected to claims 29-33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, claims 34-56 were allowed.

IN THE DRAWINGS

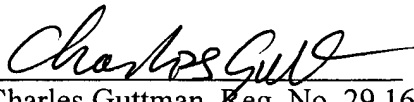
Please add the drawing attached hereto as a new Fig. 1 for this application.

By means of the present Amendment, the limitations of claims 29, 30, and 35 have been incorporated into claim 26, thereby rendering this claim allowable. All other claims in the application either depend on claim 26 or have already been allowed.

Accordingly, it is believed that all claims in the application are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment: New Fig. 1